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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: OHTOMO et al

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For: Thin Film Head, Producing Method Thereof
And Magnetic Disk Apparatus

Art Unit: 2652

Examiner: T. Chen

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Mail Stop: Amendment (Fee)
Commissioner For Patents
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April 25, 2006

Sir:

The indication in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment that the Amendment allegedly filed on "01 March 2006" is non-compliant, is in error. At the outset, the Amendment was filed on March 20, 2006, not "01 March 2006" and the indication that the Amendment is not compliant in that in the amendment to the drawings, "the drawings are not properly identified in the top margin". Applicants note that the paper which was submitted with the Amendment, and labeled "Attachment", copy attached as downloaded from PAIR, represents annotated portions of drawings of the prior art of Sasaki, which was utilized by the Examiner in rejecting claims of this application, wherein as indicated at page 11 of the Amendment, "as an aid to the Examiner, applicants herewith submit as an Attachment, annotated versions of Fig. 6 and Figs. 4A, 4B of Sasaki, wherein Fig. 6